

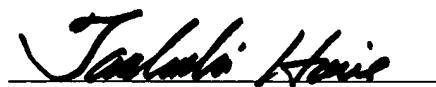
REMARKS:

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication in the Office Action that claims 25-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent from including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the above amendment, Applicant has rewritten claim 1 so that it incorporates the limitations of original claims 2 and 25. Thus, the amended claim 1 should now be allowable. Claims 26 and 27 are now dependent from the amended claim 1 and thus should also be allowable. Applicant has also canceled the rest of the claims. Therefore, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant is submitting a substitute specification. The present application was filed in Japan as a PCT application designating the United States. The PCT application has been accorded an international filing date of February 16, 2000. The PCT application has also been accepted as U.S. non-provisional application and accorded a 102(e) date of October 16, 2000. Applicant basically retranslated the specification portion of the PCT application to correct grammatical errors and inconsistencies and improve syntaxes. Applicant hereby certifies that the substitute specification contains no new matters beyond what was originally disclosed in the PCT application.

Applicant is also submitting a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The Statement lists the papers and articles referenced to in the specification.

Respectfully submitted,



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